

HERE'S THE REAL "SWAT THE FLY" MAN

Nine big doctors, all members
of the Kansas state board of



Dr. S. J. Crumbine.

health, were telling each other just what they thought about the pesky household fly, more rightly termed "the typhoid fly." One by one the docs let out several and separate strings of big words, calculated to scare any fly to death, if the fly could understand them, which evidently he couldn't. For just as the last speaker was telling how the fly could be put in the extinct species class along with the dodo a regular bigbuzzer lit on Doc Crumbine's head—he's the board's secretary—and landed about the time the doc was getting to the point where he would show the fly up in its true colors.

The fly bothered him, and the

doc lifted up his good right hand and swatted that fly to a fare-you-well.

"Now I have it, gentlemen," he continued, "'swat the fly!' that's the only real solution.

Since Dr. Crumbine coined the phrase, "Swat the fly," others all over the world have hearkened to the injunction and whole cities have turned in and swatted as they never thought of doing before. Kansas has every year since then followed in Dr. Crumbine's battle line and swatted the flies. It's a regular semi-annual institution. Every spring they start a six months' swatting fest to catch the flies as they grow up, and